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5 **Impact of Ring Current Ions on Electromagnetic Ion Cyclotron**
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Abstract. Effect of the ring current ions in the real part of electromagnetic ion cyclotron wave dispersion relation is studied on global scale. Recent Cluster observations by *Engebretson et al.* [2007] showed that although the temperature anisotropy of energetic (> 10 keV) ring current protons was high during the entire 22 November 2003 perigee pass, electromagnetic ion cyclotron waves were observed only in conjunction with intensification of the ion fluxes below 1 keV by over an order of magnitude. To study the effect of the ring current ions on the wave dispersive properties and the corresponding global wave redistribution, we use a self-consistent model of interacting ring current and electromagnetic ion cyclotron waves [*Khazanov et al.*, 2006], and simulate the May 1998 storm. The main findings of our simulation can be summarized as follows: First, the plasma density enhancement in the night MLT sector during the main and recovery storm phases is mostly caused by injection of suprathermal plasma sheet H^+ ($\lesssim 1$ keV), which dominate the thermal plasma density. Second, during the recovery storm phases, the ring current modification of the wave dispersion relation leads to a qualitative change of the wave patterns in the postmidnight–dawn sector for $L > 4.75$. This “new” wave activity is well organized by outward edges of dense suprathermal ring current spots, and the waves are not observed if the ring current ions are not included in the real part of dispersion relation. Third, the most intense wave-induced ring current precipitation is located in the night MLT sector and caused by modification of the wave dispersion relation. The strongest precipitating fluxes of about $8 \cdot 10^6$ ($\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s} \cdot \text{sr}$) $^{-1}$ are found near $L=5.75$, $\text{MLT}=2$ during the early recovery phase on 4 May. Finally, the nightside precipitation is more intense than the dayside fluxes, even if there are less

intense waves, because the convection field moves ring current ions into the loss cone on the nightside, but drives them out of the loss cone on the dayside. So convection and wave scattering reinforce each other in the nightside, but interfere in the dayside sector.

1. Introduction

Electromagnetic ion cyclotron (EMIC) waves are a common feature of the Earth magnetosphere. These waves were observed in the inner [e. g., *LaBelle et al.*, 1988; *Erlandson and Ukhorskiy*, 2001] and outer [*Anderson et al.*, 1992a, b] magnetosphere, at geostationary orbit [*Young et al.*, 1981; *Mauk*, 1982], at high latitudes along the plasmopause [*Erlandson et al.*, 1990], and at ionospheric altitudes [*Iyemori and Hayashi*, 1989; *Bräysy et al.*, 1998]. Interaction of the ring current (RC) with EMIC waves causes scattering of ions into the loss cone and leads to decay of the RC [*Cornwall et al.*, 1970]. This wave-induced RC precipitation was studied widely both experimentally and theoretically [e. g., *Soraas et al.*, 1999; *Erlandson and Ukhorskiy*, 2001; *Yahnina et al.*, 2003; *Walt and Voss*, 2001, 2004; *Jordanova et al.*, 2001; *Khazanov et al.*, 2002], which produce RC decay times of about one hour or less during the main phase of storms [*Gonzalez et al.*, 1989]. Obliquely propagating EMIC waves damp due to Landau resonance with thermal plasmaspheric electrons, and cyclotron resonances with thermal, suprathermal, and hot heavy ions [e. g., *Cornwall et al.*, 1971; *Anderson and Fuselier*, 1994; *Horne and Thorne*, 1997; *Thorne and Horne*, 1994; 1997]. Subsequent transport of the dissipating wave energy into the ionosphere causes ionosphere temperature enhancements [e. g., *Gurgiolo et al.*, 2005]. *Cornwall et al.* [1971] employed the mechanism of resonant energy transfer to electrons to explain stable auroral red arc emissions during the recovery phase of storms. Measurements taken aboard the Prognoz satellites revealed a “hot zone” near the plasmopause where

58 the temperature of core plasma ions can reach tens of thousands of degrees [*Bezrukikh*
 59 *and Gringauz*, 1976; *Gringauz*, 1983; 1985]. The earliest results regarding the heating
 60 of the cold ions were obtained by *Galeev* [1975] who considered the induced scattering
 61 of EMIC waves by plasmaspheric protons as an ion heating mechanism. This nonlinear
 62 wave-particle interaction process was used in a plasmasphere-RC interaction model by
 63 *Gorbachev et al.* [1992]. Later, a detailed analysis of thermal ion heating by EMIC
 64 waves was presented by *Anderson and Fuselier* [1994] and *Fuselier and Anderson*
 65 [1996]. Relativistic electrons (≥ 1 MeV) in the outer radiation belt can also interact
 66 with EMIC waves [*Thorne and Kennel*, 1971; *Lyons and Thorne*, 1972]. Recently,
 67 data from balloon-borne X-ray instruments provided indirect but strong evidence for
 68 EMIC wave-induced precipitation of outer-zone relativistic electrons [*Foat et al.*, 1998;
 69 *Lorentzen et al.*, 2000]. These observations stimulated theoretical and statistical studies
 70 [*Summers and Thorne*, 2003; *Albert*, 2003; *Meredith et al.*, 2003; *Loto'aniu et al.*, 2006]
 71 which demonstrated that EMIC wave-induced pitch-angle diffusion of MeV electrons
 72 can operate in the strong diffusion limit with a time scale of several hours to a day,
 73 and that this mechanism can compete with relativistic electron depletion caused by the
 74 adiabatic effect of *Dst* during the initial and main phases of a storm. Therefore, EMIC
 75 waves interact well with both the magnetospheric electrons and ions, and these waves
 76 are strongly influence the particle dynamics in the eV-MeV energy range.

77 In a number of magnetospheric regimes, a source of free energy for the excitation
 78 of EMIC waves is the temperature anisotropy ($T_{\perp} > T_{\parallel}$) of the hot H^+ distribution
 79 [*Cornwall*, 1964, 1965; *Kennel and Petschek*, 1966]. Our understanding of EMIC

wave growth and propagation was dramatically changed after measurements on board
 the GEOS 1 and 2 satellites. They revealed the critical role of the thermal He^+ for
 generation and propagation of EMIC waves [Young *et al.*, 1981; Roux *et al.*, 1982]. The
 observations stimulated theoretical studies in which the influence of thermal He^+ and
 O^+ admixtures on EMIC wave properties was considered [Mauk, 1982; Roux *et al.*,
 1982; Rauch and Roux, 1982; Gomberoff and Neira 1983; Gendrin *et al.*, 1984; Denton
et al., 1992; Horne and Thorne, 1993]. The effects of energetic RC heavy ions (He^+
 and O^+) on the generation of EMIC waves in a multi-ion core plasma (H^+ , He^+ , O^+)
 were studied by Kozyra *et al.* [1984]. Horne and Thorne [1993] used the “HOTRAY”
 ray tracing program to study the role of propagation and refraction in the generation of
 different branches of EMIC waves in a multi-ion thermal plasma. They found that the
 local growth rate alone cannot determine the resulting wave amplification; propagation
 effects have a major impact on the path-integrated wave gain, and consequently the
 prevalent He^+ -mode grows preferably at the plasmopause. Recently, Loto’aniu *et al.*
 [2005] used magnetic and electric field data from the Combined Release and Radiation
 Effects Satellite to obtain the Poynting vector for Pc 1 EMIC waves. They found
 bidirectional wave energy propagation, both away and toward the equator, for events
 observed below 11° |MLAT|, but unidirectional energy propagation away from the
 equator for events outside $\pm 11^\circ$ of the equator. Engebretson *et al.* [2005] found a similar
 EMIC wave energy propagation dependence, with mixed direction within approximately
 $\pm 20^\circ$ MLAT, but consistently toward the ionosphere for higher magnetic latitudes.
 These observations allowed Engebretson *et al.* [2007] to state that “the mixed directions

102 observed in the above studies near the equator is evidence of wave reflection at the
 103 off-equatorial magnetic latitude corresponding to the ion-ion hybrid frequency. Waves
 104 that reflect would then set up a standing (bi-directional) pattern in the equatorial
 105 magnetosphere. Waves that tunnel through would tend to be absorbed in the ionosphere
 106 and not be able to return to equatorial latitudes.”

107 Starting from the pioneering work of *Kennel and Petschek* [1966], it is well-known
 108 that the plasma density is one of the most important plasma characteristics controlling
 109 EMIC wave generation; the minimum energy of resonant ions is proportional to the
 110 magnetic field energy per particle. In an electron-proton plasma, *Cornwall et al.* [1970]
 111 found that the EMIC wave growth rate maximizes just inside the plasmopause where
 112 the Alfvén speed is low, falling to zero with both decreasing (because of electron-ion
 113 collisions) and increasing L-shell (because of high critical anisotropy). In the case
 114 of a multi-ion magnetosphere, *Horne and Thorne* [1993] reported a result opposite
 115 to that found by *Cornwall et al.* [1970], namely, the growth rates are substantially
 116 greater outside the plasmopause than just inside the plasmopause. The latter is an
 117 effect of heavy ions, and both the above results were reconciled by *Kozyra et al.*
 118 [1984]. However, *Horne and Thorne* [1993] illustrated that when propagation effects
 119 are properly included, the path-integrated wave gain is indeed larger just inside the
 120 plasmopause. The effect of the plasmopause in EMIC wave generation is very clearly
 121 observed both in experiments [e. g., *Fraser and Nguyen*, 2001], and in the results of
 122 numerical simulation [*Kozyra et al.*, 1997; *Khazanov et al.*, 2006]. (Of course, the real
 123 magnetospheric situation is more complex, and wave occurrence actually increases with

124 L-shell, which depending on MLT, exhibits a radial structure with a gap between high
 125 and low L-shell events [*Anderson et al.*, 1992a].)

126 Recently, *Engebretson et al.* [2007] presented the Cluster observations of EMIC
 127 waves in the Pc 1–2 frequency range and associated ion distributions during the October
 128 and November 2003 storms. The most intense waves were observed on 22 November
 129 near the end of the rapid recovery phase in the dawn MLT sector at $L=4.4\text{--}4.6$.
 130 Generation of these waves was associated with anisotropic RC H^+ of energies greater
 131 than 10 keV. Although the temperature anisotropy of these energetic protons was high
 132 during the entire 22 November event, EMIC waves were observed only in conjunction
 133 with intensification of the ion fluxes below 1 keV by over an order of magnitude. This
 134 suggests that a suprathermal plasma plays an important role in the destabilization of
 135 the more energetic RC and/or plasma sheet ions, because high energy anisotropic RC
 136 and/or plasma sheet proton distributions appeared to be a necessary but not sufficient
 137 condition for the occurrence of EMIC waves. Similarly, studying Pc 1–2 events in the
 138 dayside outer magnetosphere, *Engebretson et al.* [2002] and *Arnoldy et al.* [2005] found
 139 that greatly increased fluxes of low energy protons are crucial for the destabilization of
 140 the anisotropic RC protons. Those observations provide clear evidence that both the
 141 cold plasmaspheric plasma (and, of course, heavy ion content) and the suprathermal
 142 ($\lesssim 1$ keV) ions injected from the plasma sheet (and/or ion outflow from the ionosphere)
 143 control EMIC wave excitation in the RC. On the other hand, an assumption that the
 144 total plasma density/composition is dominated by the thermal plasma was made in
 145 previous RC–EMIC wave modeling efforts, and RC ions were not included in the real

part of the wave dispersion relation [Kozyra *et al.*, 1997; Jordanova *et al.*, 1998b, 2001;
Khazanov et al., 2006], but only in the EMIC wave growth rate. As a result, EMIC waves
 are only generated near the plasmapause in all these theoretical models. Consequently
 we generalize our previous self-consistent RC-EMIC wave model [Khazanov *et al.*, 2006]
 to take into account the effect of RC ions in the real part of the EMIC wave dispersion
 relation.

The present study further develops a self-consistent theoretical model of RC and
 propagating EMIC waves in a multi-ion magnetospheric plasma [Khazanov *et al.*, 2006],
 where we take into account the RC ions in the real part of dispersion relation for the
 He^+ -mode. This article is organized as follows: In section 2 we provide the system of
 equations which govern our global theoretical model, as well as the initial/boundary
 conditions used in the simulation of the May 1998 storm; In section 3 we present both
 the spatial distribution of the total plasma density (thermal + higher energies) during
 the May 1998 event, and the fine energy structure of the RC phase space distribution
 functions; In section 4, the effect of plasma density on the EMIC wave growth is
 illustrated; In section 5, role of the RC ion thermal effects in the He^+ -mode dispersion
 relation is analyzed; In section 6, results of simulation are presented; Finally, in section 7
 we summarize the new features of the model, and the findings of the paper.

164 2. Equations of Global Model, Approaches and

165 Initial/Boundary Conditions

For RC species H^+ , O^+ , and He^+ , we simulate the RC dynamics by solving the bounce-averaged kinetic equation for the phase space distribution function (PSDF), $F(r_0, \varphi, E, \mu_0, t)$. The PSDF depends on the radial distance in the magnetic equatorial plane r_0 , geomagnetic east longitude φ , kinetic energy E , cosine of the equatorial pitch angle μ_0 , and time t [see, e. g., *Fok et al.*, 1993; *Jordanova et al.*, 1996]. We use the bounce-averaged kinetic equation for the He^+ -mode of EMIC waves to describe the wave power spectral density. This equation was originally derived by *Khazanov et al.* [2006], and explicitly includes the EMIC wave propagation, refraction and reflection in a multi-ion magnetospheric plasma. Following to *Khazanov et al.* [2006], we ignore the slow azimuthal and radial drifts of the waves during propagation, and use the reduced wave kinetic equation. So the resulting system of governing equations take the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} &+ \frac{1}{r_0^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_0} \left(r_0^2 \left\langle \frac{dr_0}{dt} \right\rangle F \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \left(\left\langle \frac{d\varphi}{dt} \right\rangle F \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \frac{\partial}{\partial E} \left(\sqrt{E} \left\langle \frac{dE}{dt} \right\rangle F \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\mu_0 h(\mu_0)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_0} \left(\mu_0 h(\mu_0) \left\langle \frac{d\mu_0}{dt} \right\rangle F \right) = \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta t} \right)_{loss} \right\rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial B_w^2(r_0, \varphi, t, \omega, \theta_0)}{\partial t} + \langle \dot{\theta}_0 \rangle \cdot \frac{\partial B_w^2}{\partial \theta_0} = 2 \langle \gamma(r_0, \varphi, t, \omega, \theta_0) \rangle \cdot B_w^2. \quad (2)$$

166 In the left-hand side of equation (1), all the bounce-averaged drift velocities are denoted
 167 as $\langle \cdots \rangle$, and may be found in previous studies [*Jordanova et al.*, 1994; *Khazanov et al.*,
 168 2003]. In equation (2), ω and θ_0 are the wave frequency and equatorial wave normal
 169 angle, respectively, $\langle \dot{\theta}_0 \rangle$ is the bounce-averaged drift velocity of the equatorial wave

normal angle, B_w is the EMIC wave magnetic field, and $\langle \gamma \rangle$ is a result of averaging of the local growth/damping rates, which includes both the wave energy source due to interaction with RC ions and the energy sink due to absorption by thermal and hot plasmas, along the ray phase trajectory over the wave bounce period. Note that equation (2) is accompanied by a system of the ray tracing equations which are not written here (for details see *Khazanov et al.* [2006] and references therein).

The term in the right-hand side of equation (1) includes losses from charge exchange, Coulomb collisions, ion-wave scattering, and precipitation at low altitudes [*Jordanova et al.*, 1996, 1997; *Khazanov et al.*, 2002, 2003]. Loss through the dayside magnetopause is taken into account allowing a free outflow of the RC ions from a simulation domain. The bounce-averaged pitch angle diffusion term in the right-hand side of equation (1) is a functional of the EMIC wave power spectral density, B_w^2 , i. e. the diffusion coefficient has the form $\langle D_{\mu_0, \mu_0} \rangle = \langle D_{\mu_0, \mu_0} (B_w^2(\cdot)) \rangle$. On the other hand, $\langle \gamma \rangle$ in equation (2) is a functional of the phase space distribution function, F , i. e. $\langle \gamma \rangle = \langle \gamma(F(\cdot)) \rangle$. So equations (1) and (2) self-consistently describes the interacting RC and EMIC waves in a quasilinear approximation. It should be emphasized that in order to describe the wave-particle interaction in equation (1) we have to know the off-equatorial power spectral density distribution for EMIC waves, and this distribution can then be mapped from the magnetic equator using solutions of the ray tracing equations.

The geomagnetic field in our simulation is taken to be a dipole field. The electric field is expressed as the shielded (exponent 2) Volland-Stern convection field [*Volland,*

1973; *Stern*, 1975] which is Kp -dependent, with a corotation field [see, e. g., *Lyons and*
 193 *Williams*, 1984]. The equatorial thermal electron density distribution is calculated with
 194 the time-dependent model of *Rasmussen et al.* [1993]. For modeling the RC-EMIC
 195 wave interaction and wave propagation we also need to know the density distribution
 196 in the meridional plane. In the present study we employ an analytical density model
 197 which includes the product of three terms; (1) diffusive equilibrium model term
 198 [*Angerami and Thomas*, 1964], (2) lower ionosphere term, and (3) plasmopause and
 199 outer magnetosphere term. This analytical model is adjusted to the *Rasmussen* model
 200 at the equator. So the resulting plasmaspheric density model provides a 3D spatial
 201 distribution for electrons, and an ion content assumed to be 77% for H^+ , 20% for He^+ ,
 202 and 3% for O^+ . Geocoronal neutral hydrogen number density, needed to calculate
 203 loss due to charge exchange, is obtained from the spherically symmetric model of
 204 *Chamberlain* [1963] with its parameters given by *Rairden et al.* [1986].

205 In order to study Dst variation during the May 1998 storm period, and to calculate
 206 the energy content for the major RC ion species, H^+ , O^+ , He^+ , *Farrugia et al.* [2003]
 207 used the RC kinetic model of *Jordanova et al.* [1998a]. They found that during this
 208 storm the energy density of H^+ is greater than twice that of O^+ at all MLTs, and
 209 the contribution of He^+ to the RC energy content is negligible. This implies that
 210 RC O^+ content do not exceed 30% during the main phase of this storm. Note that
 211 above estimation was obtained from a simulation without oxygen band waves. On the
 212 other hand, *Bräysy et al.* [1998] observed very asymmetric O^+ RC during the main
 213 phase of the April 2–8, 1993 storm, which suggests that the RC oxygen ion loss rate is

considerably faster than the drift speed. This result is difficult to explain in terms of charge exchange and Coulomb scattering, and suggests that the production of EMIC waves contributes significantly to RC O^+ decay during the main and early recovery phases. In other words, due to generation of the O^+ -mode EMIC waves, most RC O^+ precipitates before reaching the dusk MLT sector [Bräysy *et al.*, 1998]. Therefore, to estimate the RC O^+ content correctly, the O^+ -mode should be included in simulation, and it is likely that Farrugia *et al.* [2003] overestimated the RC O^+ content during May 1998. Anyhow, the calculations of Thorne and Horne [1997] clearly confirm that the above RC O^+ percentage cannot significantly suppress He^+ -mode amplification, and only slightly influences the resulting wave growth. It is for this reason we chose to initially exclude RC O^+ in our particular simulation of May 2–7, 1998, and to assume that the RC is entirely made up of energetic protons.

The night-side boundary condition is imposed at the geostationary distance in our model, and we use the flux measurements during the modeled event obtained from the Magnetospheric Plasma Analyzer and the Synchronous Orbit Particle Analyzer instruments on the geosynchronous LANL satellites. Then, according to Young *et al.* [1982], we divide the total flux measured at geostationary orbit between the RC H^+ , O^+ , and He^+ depending on geomagnetic and solar activity as measured by Kp and $F_{10.7}$ indices. Only the H^+ fluxes were used as a boundary condition in the simulation.

To obtain the self-consistent initial conditions for equations (1) and (2), the simulation was started at 0000 UT on 1 May, 1998 using a background noise level for the He^+ -mode of EMIC waves [e. g., Akhiezer *et al.*, 1975b], the statistically derived

236 quiet time RC proton energy distribution of *Sheldon and Hamilton* [1993], and the
 237 initial pitch angle characteristics of *Garcia and Spjeldvik* [1985]. The initial the RC
 238 and EMIC wave distributions are derived independently, and of course, have nothing
 239 to do with a particular state of the magnetosphere during a simulated event. Only
 240 the boundary conditions provided by the LANL satellites can be considered as data
 241 reflecting a particular geomagnetic situation (and, to a certain extent, the employed
 242 plasmasphere and electric field models driven by Kp). Therefore, before simulation of
 243 a particular geomagnetic event can be possible, we first seek an initial state for the
 244 RC and EMIC waves that is self-consistent and reflects the particular geomagnetic
 245 situation. In our case, this was done by running the model code for 24 hours. In about
 246 20 hours of evolution, the wave magnetic energy distribution reaches a quasistationary
 247 state indicating that the RC-EMIC wave system achieves a quasi-self-consistent state.
 248 (Note that 20 hours has nothing to do with the typical time for wave amplification and
 249 instead reflects the minimum time needed to adjust RC and waves to each other and
 250 to the real prehistory of a storm.) So the self-consistent modeling of the May 1998
 251 storm period is started at 0000 UT on 2 May (24 hours after 1 May 0000 UT) using
 252 solutions of equations (1) and (2) at 2400 UT on 1 May as the initial conditions for
 253 further simulation.

3. Distribution of Plasma Density and Energy Structure of RC

PSDFs

3.1. Spatial Patterns of Plasma Density During the May 1998 Storm

From the results of our simulation we select seven snapshots which represent the intervals of the most enhanced plasma sheet H^+ injection into the RC region. The selected equatorial plasma density distributions are presented in Figure 1. The first row in this Figure shows the electron plasma density distribution from the *Rasmussen et al.* [1993] model, and the second row provides a sum of the corresponding plasma density from the first row and the RC H^+ density. Note that starting from high L-shell, the RC ions dominate the thermal plasma excepting a plasmaspheric drainage plume, and below we shell concentrate only on cases of pronounced density enhancement during plasma sheet ion injections. The first plasma sheet ion injection appears about 32 hours after 1 May, 0000 UT (not shown), which affects the density distribution for about 16 hours, while the RC ions only slightly modify the plasma density distribution after 48 hours (not shown). During this interval, the RC H^+ density dominates the thermal plasma in the dusk-midnight MLT sector (see hours 33 and 34 in Figure 1). The second ion injection starts about 56 hours (not shown). The snapshots at hour 60 show the most distinct pattern of the cold and total plasma density during this injection event when the RC H^+ dominates the thermal plasma density in the nightside through the entire dusk-dawn MLT sector. Again, there are only minor differences between the density snapshots at 68 hours (not shown). The third plasma sheet ion injection shown in

Figure 1

Figure 1 starts at about 76 hours and impacts the plasma density distribution through hour 90 (not shown). This injection is most intense comparing to previous ones, and the RC H^+ dominance is observed in the greatest L-shell and MLT extents encircling a great part of the globe during the third injection. The results of our simulation are in qualitative agreement with the RC density distribution obtained by *Zaharia et al.* [2006] during the moderate geomagnetic storm of 21–23 April 2001.

We presented only the RC H^+ density distribution above, and did not say anything about the distribution of the electron density. It is obvious that in all “slow” magnetospheric processes the quasi-neutrality condition should hold. This implies that electrons have the same density distribution as the ions. Quasi-neutrality can be sustained by both the energetic plasma sheet electrons injected along with ions, and/or the cold ionospheric electrons due to field-aligned currents. The resulting electron temperature strongly affects the Coulomb energy degradation of the RC ions, the resonant Landau damping of EMIC waves, and barely influences the EMIC wave dispersive properties (see, e. g., *Khazanov et al.* [2007], *Akhiezer et al.* [1975a]). *Khazanov et al.* [2007] demonstrated that both the EMIC wave Landau damping and collisional RC energy dissipation are maximized for an electron temperature about 1 eV. This is the temperature adopted in our RC-EMIC wave model for thermal plasma [Khazanov et al., 2003]. Therefore, if we do not track the electron dynamics and keep $T_e = 1$ eV for the entire simulation domain, we can potentially underestimate the EMIC wave energy, especially at high L-shells during the main and recovery storm phases when RC ions dominate the thermal plasma. Below we assume that plasma is quasi-neutral

297 and that the electron temperature is 1 eV throughout the entire simulation domain
 298 during the May 1998 event.

299 3.2. Fine Energy Structure of RC PSDFs

300 The new RC ions, injected from the plasma sheet in the night MLT sector, cause
 301 impressive plasma density enhancement for high L-shells during the main and recovery
 302 storm phases. This feature is clearly observed in our simulation, but in Figure 1 we
 303 presented only the RC H^+ density distribution, and did not analyze the fine PSDF
 304 energy structure. To consider the energy distributions of the RC H^+ , we selected four
 305 representative cases among the snapshots in Figure 1. The corresponding PSDFs are
 306 shown in Figure 2. All the PSDFs are taken in the equatorial plane, and integrated over
 307 the entire solid angle, while the effective RC proton temperature parallel to geomagnetic
 308 field line, T_{\parallel} , is calculated for the entire energy range (100 eV – 430 keV). In order to
 309 more clearly demonstrate change in the PSDF slope, we use a linear energy scale in a
 310 low energy domain of the distribution, whereas the high energy part is depicted with
 311 a logarithmic energy scale. As follows from the left-hand side of Figure 2, there is a
 312 transition region in all the PSDFs which separates relatively warm ions from the more
 313 hot and tenuous component. (The transition from a steep profile to more horizontal
 314 profile corresponds to the transition from a small to a higher effective ion temperature.)
 315 So we observe at least two ion populations which constitute the plotted RC ion PSDFs;
 316 (1) the dense and relatively cold low energy RC component, and (2) the rare and
 317 hotter high energy RC component. The boundary between these two ion components

Figure 2

is located at slightly different energy depending on each case, which from Figure 2, is about 1 – 1.5 keV. Note that PSDFs at hours 80 and 82 include, respectively, four and three ion populations with different effective temperatures; the PSDF taken at hour 80 changes slope at energies near 1, 10, and 130 keV, whereas the PSDF at hour 82 changes slope near 0.5 and 20 keV. So the results in Figure 2 clearly demonstrate that plasma density modification due to the plasma sheet H^+ injection into the RC region is mostly caused by low energy ions with energy $\lesssim 1$ keV.

4. Effect of Plasma Density on EMIC Wave Growth

The effective proton temperatures transverse to T_\perp , and along T_\parallel , the geomagnetic field line, comply with the inequality $T_\perp > T_\parallel$ in many space plasma regimes. If the ion temperature anisotropy, $A = T_\perp/T_\parallel - 1$, exceeds some positive threshold, EMIC waves can be unstable [Kennel and Petschek, 1966; Cornwall et al., 1970]. The growth rate for these waves critically depends on the characteristic energy for cyclotron interaction, which, as defined by Kennel and Petschek [1966], is just the local geomagnetic field energy per particle, having the form $E_c = B^2/(8\pi n_e)$. So, according to Kennel and Petschek [1966], the local growth rate for EMIC waves should be particularly sensitive to the local plasma density. Assuming that the RC is entirely made up of energetic H^+ , Figure 3 plots the dependence on plasma density of the local equatorial growth/damping rate for the He^+ -mode EMIC waves. Note that the calculated growth/damping rates in Figure 3 are due to the RC-wave interaction only, and the wave absorption due to thermal plasma is omitted (but, of course, this effect is included in global simulation).

Figure 3

339 All the results in Figure 3 are obtained for the wave frequency $\nu = 0.475$ Hz, and case
 340 (a) is just taken from our global model without any modification at location $L=5.25$,
 341 MLT=15 at 48 hours ($n_e = n_0 = 68.3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and $B = 215.3 \text{ nT}$). In order to produce
 342 the results (b), (c), and (d), we need only re-normalize the local plasma density as
 343 $n_e = 1.2 \times n_0$, $n_e = 1.5 \times n_0$, and $n_e = 2.0 \times n_0$, respectively. As follows from Figure 3,
 344 transitioning from case (a) to case (b) increases the peak growth rate by a factor 1.4,
 345 extends the region of growth, and makes the wave damping negligible. Further increase
 346 of the number density eliminates the region of wave damping. According to [Kennel and
 347 Petschek, 1966], the growth rate dependence on plasma density is $\gamma \sim \exp(-1/n_e)/\sqrt{n_e}$.
 348 So, although the characteristic energy decreases with increasing plasma density, the
 349 growth rate can both increase or decrease depending on the wave normal angle (see
 350 Figure 3). For a particular wave normal angle, it depends on whether we move to the
 351 growth rate maximum with density increase or whether we move from the maximum.

352 5. Effects of RC Temperature on EMIC Wave He^+ -Mode

Although the results presented in subsection 3.2 clearly demonstrate that the
 observed plasma density enhancement is caused by a low energy ($\lesssim 1 \text{ keV}$) population
 of the RC, this does not allow us to evaluate the effects of the RC ion temperature on
 the EMIC wave dispersive properties. In order to characterize the temperature effects
 in the EMIC wave dispersion relation, we use the following parameters [see, e. g., Stix,

1992; Akhiezer *et al.*, 1975a]

$$\lambda_i = \left(\frac{k_{\perp} v_{\perp,i}}{\sqrt{2}\Omega_i} \right)^2, \quad \zeta_i = \left(\frac{\omega \pm \Omega_i}{k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel,i}} \right)^2, \quad i = e, H^+, He^+, O^+, \quad (3)$$

353 where Ω_i is the particle gyrofrequency, and k_{\perp} ($v_{\perp,i} = \sqrt{2T_{\perp,i}/m_i}$) and k_{\parallel} ($v_{\parallel,i} =$
354 $\sqrt{2T_{\parallel,i}/m_i}$) are the components of the wave normal vector (thermal velocity) transverse
355 to and along geomagnetic field lines, respectively; λ_i is the squared ratio of Larmor
356 radius to transverse wave length; and ζ_i is the squared ratio of longitudinal wave length
357 to a typical particle displacement along the field line during a wave period. The finite
358 Larmor radius effects are negligible if $\lambda_i \ll 1$. On the other hand, the plasma particles
359 become unmagnetized if $\lambda_i \gg 1$, and as a consequence the external magnetic field
360 disappears in the wave dispersion relation. So the Larmor radius effects are most
361 important for an intermediate case when the wave and particle parameters give $\lambda_i \sim 1$.
362 The magnitude of ζ_i not only characterizes the importance of “longitudinal” thermal
363 effects, but also determines the effectiveness of the resonant wave damping/growth. For
364 instance, the number of resonating particles is small if $\zeta_i \gg 1$, and as a result, plasma
365 waves can exist for a long time without substantial damping. So the role of thermal
366 effects in the wave dispersion relation depends on the magnitude of both ζ_i and λ_i . For
367 example, if these parameters comply with the inequalities $\lambda_i \ll 1$ and $\zeta_i \gg 1$, in many
368 cases (but not always!) the leading term in a real part of dispersion relation still comes
369 from a cold plasma approximation (limit $\lambda_i = 0$ and $\zeta_i \rightarrow \infty$, e. g., *Stix* [1992]). So
370 depending on the magnitudes of ζ_i and λ_i , the thermal terms may be a minor correction
371 only, or they can dominate the “cold plasma limit” term.

372 Until now, we discussed only the RC H^+ . Although the RC H^+ dominate both O^+
 373 and He^+ during the May 1998 storm [Farrugia *et al.*, 2003], and we do not simulate the
 374 RC O^+ and He^+ in the present study, the heavy ions participate in the RC dynamics
 375 and can influence the magnetospheric heavy ion content, especially during the main and
 376 early recovery storm phases. Despite the importance of the hot heavy ions for the EMIC
 377 wave characteristics (see, e. g., Kozyra *et al.* [1984]), in all previous studies we assumed
 378 that the total ion composition is dominated by the ion composition of the thermal
 379 plasma and did not take into account the RC ions in the real part of the wave dispersion
 380 relation [Khazanov *et al.*, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007], including the RC ions in the imaginary
 381 part only. In all those papers, when we described the EMIC wave dispersive properties
 382 we used the electron density distribution from the time-dependent Rasmussen *et al.*
 383 [1993] model, and the ion content was assumed to be 77% for H^+ , 20% for He^+ , and
 384 3% for O^+ . (Although the assumed ion content is in the range of 10 – 30% for He^+
 385 and 1 – 5% for O^+ following observations by Young *et al.* [1983, 1977] and Horwitz *et*
 386 *al.* [1981], it only approximately describes the real ion percentage and, of course, does
 387 not reflect its variability, especially during the magnetically active periods.) Now we are
 388 going to take into account the RC ions in the real part of the EMIC wave dispersion
 389 relation which can strongly modify the heavy ion percentage. In spite of this, for the
 390 purpose of comparison with previous results, we keep the earlier adopted ion percentage
 391 (77% for H^+ , 20% for He^+ , and 3% for O^+) throughout the entire simulation domain
 392 even if this percentage is mainly determined by the suprathermal/hot ion composition.

It follows from equation (3), assuming that all the RC ions (H^+ , He^+ , O^+) have

nearly the same temperature, that parameters λ_i relate to each other as masses of the corresponding RC ions. Then, considering the most dense suprathermal spots in Figure 1, we find that for the He^+ -mode the following inequality

$$\lambda_{H^+} < \lambda_{He^+} < \lambda_{O^+} \ll 1 \ll \zeta_{He^+} \lesssim \zeta_{O^+} \ll \zeta_{H^+} \quad (4)$$

holds. Note that in order to obtain inequalities (4), we used $v_{\perp,i}$ and $v_{\parallel,i}$ calculated for the entire energy range; parameters λ_i and ζ_i could be even closer to the cold plasma limit if all the effective temperatures are calculated for a low energy RC component only (see subsection 3.2), which gives the greatest contribution to the plasma density enhancement observed in night side during the main and recovery storm phases. In the limit (4), the structure of thermal terms in the EMIC wave dispersion equation can be found, e. g., in [Stix, 1992; Akhiezer et al., 1975a] where the finite Larmor radius effects may be omitted. The greatest thermal term (Λ_{\parallel}) in the dispersion equation for the EMIC wave He^+ -mode comes from the RC H^+ during the May 1998 storm with the following ranking

$$\Lambda_{\parallel}(H^+) \gg \Lambda_{\parallel}(O^+) \sim \Lambda_{\parallel}(He^+). \quad (5)$$

393 So only term $\Lambda_{\parallel}(H^+)$ can potentially compete with the “cold plasma limit” term in
 394 the He^+ -mode dispersion equation. Considering the most dense suprathermal spots
 395 in Figure 1, we find that $\Lambda_{\parallel}(H^+)$, as a rule, can be neglected in comparison with the
 396 “cold” term in the He^+ -mode dispersion relation.

6. Results and Discussions

Summarizing all the assumptions and conclusions we did in sections 3 and 5:

- (1) Plasma is quasi-neutral (see subsection 3.1); (2) the electron temperature is 1 eV through the entire simulation domain (subsection 3.1); (3) the plasma density enhancement observed in Figure 1 is caused by a low energy ($\lesssim 1$ keV) population of the RC ions (subsection 3.2), while the RC H^+ ions dominate both the RC O^+ and He^+ during May 1998; (4) the ion percentage is 77% for H^+ , 20% for He^+ , and 3% for O^+ through the entire simulation domain (section 5); and (5) the thermal effects of electrons and the RC ions may be neglected in the real part of the He^+ -mode dispersion relation (see subsections 3.1 and section 5).

6.1. Global Distribution of He^+ -Mode

The equatorial (MLT, L-shell) distributions of the squared wave magnetic field,

$$B_w^2(r_0, \varphi, t) = \int_{\omega_{min}}^{\omega_{max}} d\omega \int_0^\pi d\theta_0 B_w^2(r_0, \varphi, t, \omega, \theta_0), \quad (6)$$

are shown in Figure 4 for the He^+ -mode of EMIC waves. These simulation results are based on the system of governing equations (1) and (2) along with the ray tracing equations. The results in the first row are obtained when the RC ions are only treated as a source of free energy to generate EMIC waves, and omitted in the real part of the wave dispersion relation. The second row shows the case when the RC ions are taken into account in both the real and imaginary parts of the wave dispersion relation. There is an essential difference between the EMIC wave energy distributions in the first and

Figure 4

415 second rows. Modification of the EMIC wave dispersive properties due to RC ions leads
 416 to a relatively minor spatial redistribution of the “old” wave active zones presented in
 417 the first row, and mainly alters the wave intensities. The qualitative difference between
 418 the first and second rows appears during the recovery phase in the postmidnight–dawn
 419 MLT sector for $L > 4.75$ (hours 82 and 84). In these regions, “new” EMIC waves are
 420 generated due to modification of the wave dispersion by RC, and we do not observe any
 421 wave activity in corresponding snapshots in the first row. The B-field distributions are
 422 organized by the locations of sharp gradient in the total density of thermal plasma and
 423 RC as expected from previous studies [*Horne and Thorne, 1993; Khazanov et al., 2006*].
 424 (The sharp density drop counteracts the refraction caused by the magnetic field gradient
 425 and curvature. As a result, net refraction is suppressed, and the He^+ -mode grows
 426 preferentially at these locations.) At the same time, we note that a radial extension of
 427 wave zones in the second row is slightly greater than that in the first row.

428 Let us now discuss the new feature caused by the modified EMIC wave dispersion
 429 and clearly observed in Figure 4. Recently, *Engebretson et al. [2007]* presented
 430 measurements of EMIC waves in the Pc 1–2 frequency range and the associated ion
 431 distributions obtained Cluster. During the October and November 2003 magnetic
 432 storms, the most intense waves were observed on 22 November near the end of a rapid
 433 recovery phase from 0825 to 0850 UT; located near dawn for $L=4.4$ – 4.6 and at an
 434 average MLAT $\approx 18^\circ$. The waves were primarily transverse, propagated away from
 435 the equator, and predominantly left-hand polarized. Compared to the local proton
 436 gyrofrequency, these waves had a normalized frequency of $X=0.34$, somewhat higher

437 than the local He^+ gyrofrequency ($X=0.25$). The free energy to generate those waves
 438 was associated with anisotropic RC H^+ of energies greater than 10 keV. Note that the
 439 upper energy range of increased energy fluxes may well extend beyond the 40 keV limit
 440 of the Cluster CIS instrument. Although the temperature anisotropy of these energetic
 441 (> 10 keV) protons was high during the entire 22 November pass, EMIC waves were
 442 observed only in conjunction with intensification of the ion fluxes below 1 keV by over
 443 an order of magnitude. This suggests that the suprathermal plasma plays an important
 444 role in the destabilization of the more energetic RC and/or plasma sheet ions, and the
 445 high energy anisotropic RC and/or plasma sheet proton distributions appeared to be
 446 a necessary but not sufficient condition for the occurrence of EMIC waves. Similarly,
 447 studying Pc 1–2 events on the dayside outer magnetosphere, *Engebretson et al.* [2002]
 448 and *Arnoldy et al.* [2005] found that greatly increased fluxes of low energy protons are
 449 crucial for the destabilization of the high energy anisotropic RC protons.

450 The satellite observations by *Engebretson et al.* [2007] support our theoretical
 451 results presented in Figure 4. Indeed, in the second row we see intense EMIC waves (up
 452 to a few nT^2) in the postmidnight–dawn sector (for $L > 4.75$) during the recovery phase
 453 from 82 to 84 hours. This wave activity is not observed if the RC ions are not included
 454 in the real part of the wave dispersion relation (compare the first and second rows in
 455 Figure 4). At the same time, we note that *Engebretson et al.* [2007] observed waves with
 456 a normalized frequency $X=0.34$, whereas we consider the He^+ –mode of EMIC waves
 457 with $X < 0.25$. (The most intense burst of Pc 1 waves studied by *Arnoldy et al.* [2005]
 458 was measured by the Polar satellite with a local normalized frequency of $X=0.2$, so the

waves were also He^+ -mode.) For the purpose of comparison with previous results, in
 the present study we kept the ion percentage the same as in our earlier studies, namely,
 77% for H^+ , 20% for He^+ , and 3% for O^+ . Then the most effective generation takes
 place for the He^+ -mode in the frequency range $\Omega_{O^+} < \omega < \Omega_{He^+}$ [see, e. g., *Kozyra et al.*, 1984; *Horne and Thorne*, 1993; *Khazanov et al.*, 2003]. (Note that only waves in
 the left-hand polarized part of the dispersive surface can grow, and the corresponding
 wave frequencies should be in the range between the cross-over frequency and Ω_{He^+} .)
 This heavy ion content, however, differs strongly from the ion percentage reported by
Engebretson et al. [2007]. For example, they observed 81% of H^+ , 3% of He^+ , and 16%
 of O^+ on November 22, 2003 at 0740 UT, qualitatively different from the percentage
 we used in the simulation. Such a great amount of RC O^+ , in combination with small
 amounts of He^+ , should suppress the He^+ -mode, and conversely favor the H^+ -mode.
 Self-consistent modeling of the H^+ -mode is beyond the scope of the current study, and
 should be done separately. (Strictly speaking, EMIC waves are very sensitive to the
 the heavy ions, so wave simulation requires more realistic dynamic models of the global
 distribution for each ion species which, unfortunately, are currently not available.) At
 present, we believe that the crucial role of low energy RC and/or plasma sheet protons
 in the destabilization of the high energy anisotropic RC protons is well established both
 experimentally and theoretically. We also think that this feature depends on the wave
 mode only quantitatively, and the qualitative effect itself does not depend on the wave
 mode.

480 6.2. Wave-Induced RC Precipitation

One of the most pronounced consequences of the RC-EMIC wave interaction is the scattering of RC ions into the loss cone. This process is one of the processes that lead to decay of RC [see, e. g., *Cornwall et al.*, 1970], especially during the main and early recovery phases of storms when decay time of about one hour or less is possible [*Gonzalez et al.*, 1989]. The EMIC wave-induced RC precipitation was studied widely both experimentally and theoretically [e. g., *Erlandson and Ukhorskiy*, 2001; *Yahnina et al.*, 2003; *Walt and Voss*, 2001, 2004; *Jordanova et al.*, 2001]. Although the effect of EMIC waves on RC ion precipitation during the May 1998 storm was discussed previously [e. g., *Khazanov et al.*, 2002, 2007], we present a few precipitating patterns that demonstrate the new features caused by modification of the EMIC wave dispersion relation. The RC precipitating flux is calculated as

$$J_{lc} = \frac{1}{\Omega_{lc}} \int_{E_1}^{E_2} dE \int_{\mu_{lc}}^1 d\mu_0 j, \quad \Omega_{lc} = \int_{\mu_{lc}}^1 d\mu_0, \quad (7)$$

481 where μ_{lc} is the cosine of the equatorial pitch angle at the boundary of loss cone, and
 482 j is the equatorial ion differential flux. In Figure 5 we show selected snapshots of the
 483 precipitating fluxes integrated over the energy range 1 – 50 keV. As before, the first
 484 row shows the results without the RC ions in the real part of the EMIC wave dispersion
 485 relation, while the second row shows precipitation when the RC ions are taken into
 486 account in both the real and imaginary parts of the wave dispersion relation. There are
 487 many differences between the first and second rows. The most intense ion precipitation
 488 is due to “new” wave activity, and located in the night MLT sector. The strongest

Figure 5

489 fluxes of about $8 \cdot 10^6 \text{ (cm}^2 \cdot \text{s} \cdot \text{sr)}^{-1}$ are observed near $L=5.75$, $\text{MLT}=2$ during the early
 490 recovery phase of the storm (see hour 82 in Figure 5). This precipitation is two times
 491 greater than a greatest flux from a previous study of the May 1998 storm by *Khazanov*
 492 *et al.* [2007]. The very interesting result can be derived by comparing Figure 5 with
 493 Figure 4; the wave-induced night side precipitation is more intense than the day side
 494 fluxes, even if there are less intense waves (compare locations $L=4.5$, $\text{MLT}=16$, and
 495 $L=5.75$, $\text{MLT}=2$ in the 82 hour snapshots). The major reason for this feature is a
 496 magnetospheric convection field which acts oppositely in day and in night sides moving
 497 RC ions into the loss cone on the nightside, and driving them out of the loss cone
 498 on the dayside. So the magnetospheric convection and the wave scattering reinforce
 499 each other on the nightside, but subtract on the dayside. Of course, we have to recall
 500 that characteristics of the wave normal angle distribution can strongly impact the
 501 effectiveness of RC ion scattering [*Khazanov et al.*, 2007].

502 7. Conclusions

503 In this paper we have further developed a self-consistent model of RC ions and
 504 propagating EMIC waves by *Khazanov et al.* [2006]. We have taken into account RC
 505 ions in the real part of dispersion relation for the He^+ -mode of EMIC waves. This is a
 506 new feature of the present model and generalizes the limiting assumption that the total
 507 plasma density was dominated by the thermal plasma made by all previous RC-EMIC
 508 wave models, so that the RC ions were not taken into account in the real part of the
 509 wave dispersion relation [*Kozyra et al.*, 1997; *Jordanova et al.*, 1998b, 2001; *Khazanov*

510 *et al.*, 2003, 2006] but only in the imaginary part, i. e., in the EMIC wave growth rate.
 511 This assumption is not always valid, especially for high L-shells during the main and
 512 recovery storm phase when the newly injected RC ions dominate the thermal plasma
 513 (see results of our simulation in Figure 1). Recent satellite observations during the
 514 November 2003 magnetic storm by *Engebretson et al.* [2007] showed that although
 515 the temperature anisotropy of energetic (> 10 keV) RC protons was high during the
 516 entire 22 November 2003 perigee pass, EMIC waves were observed only in conjunction
 517 with intensification of the ion fluxes below 1 keV by over an order of magnitude. This
 518 suggests that the suprathermal plasma ($\lesssim 1$ keV) plays an important role in the
 519 destabilization of the more energetic RC and/or plasma sheet ions such that high energy
 520 anisotropic RC and/or plasma sheet proton distributions appeared to be a necessary
 521 but not sufficient condition for occurrence of EMIC waves.

522 To demonstrate the role of RC ions in the real part of EMIC wave dispersion
 523 relation, we have simulated the May 1998 storm, and have presented and discussed
 524 the global distributions of the total plasma density, the energy of the He^+ -mode, and
 525 the wave-induced RC precipitation. The main conclusions of our simulation can be
 526 summarized as follows.

527 1. The new RC ions, injected from the plasma sheet in the night MLT sector, causes
 528 plasma density enhancements for high L-shells during the main and recovery storm
 529 phases. This feature is clearly observed in our simulation (see Figure 1), and the plasma
 530 density enhancement is mostly caused by the suprathermal H^+ ($\lesssim 1$ keV).

531 2. During the recovery phase, modification of the wave dispersion relation by RC

ions leads to a dramatic change in the wave patterns in the nightside MLT sector for $L > 4.75$.

3. The Cluster observations of EMIC waves and associated ion distributions during the November 2003 magnetic storm [Engbreton *et al.*, 2007] support our theoretical results presented in Figure 4. In the second row of Figure 4 we see intense EMIC waves (up to a few nT²) in the postmidnight–dawn sector during the recovery storm phase from 82 to 84 hours. This wave activity is not observed if the RC ions are not included in the real part of the wave dispersion relation (compare the first and second rows in Figure 4).

4. The most intense wave-induced RC precipitation is due to modification of the wave dispersion relation, located in the night MLT sector. The strongest precipitating fluxes of about $8 \cdot 10^6 \text{ (cm}^2 \cdot \text{s} \cdot \text{sr)}^{-1}$ are observed near $L=5.75$, $\text{MLT}=2$ during the early recovery phase of the storm (see hour 82 in Figure 5). The wave-induced nightside precipitation is more intense than the dayside fluxes, even if there are less intense waves (compare the results at $L=4.5$, $\text{MLT}=16$, and $L=5.75$, $\text{MLT}=2$ in the 82 hour snapshots).

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Figure 1. Equatorial plasma density distributions during the May 1998 event. The first row shows the cold electron plasma density distribution from the *Rasmussen et al.* [1993] model, and the second row provides a sum of cold plasma density and RC H^+ density as it follows from the simulation. The first, the second, and the third plasma sheet ion injections affect the total density distribution during 33–48, 58–68, and 78–90 hours, respectively. The specified hours are counted from 0000 UT on 1 May, 1998.

Figure 2. Simulated phase space distribution function for the RC H^+ . All the PSDFs are shown in the equatorial plane, and integrated over the entire solid angle. For each PSDFs, the first and the second numbers in parenthesis are the L-shell and MLT location, respectively. The corresponding RC proton temperature along the geomagnetic field line, T_{\parallel} , is calculated for the entire energy range. Note that there are the linear and logarithmic energy scales in the left-hand and right-hand boxes, respectively.

Figure 3. Equatorial growth/damping rates versus the wave normal angle for the He^{+-} mode of EMIC waves. The RC is assumed to be entirely made up of energetic protons, the thermal plasma consists of the cold electrons, and 77% of H^+ , 20% of He^+ , and 3% of O^+ , and the wave resonate interaction with thermal plasma is omitted. All the results are obtained for the wave frequency $\nu = \omega/2\pi = 0.475$ Hz, and taken from our global model at location L=5.25, MLT=15 ($B = 215.3$ nT), at 48 hours after 1 May 1998, 0000 UT. (a) The electron number density is also determined by the global model, and $n_e = n_0 = 68.3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (nominal case). In order to produce the results (b), (c), and (d), we keep all parameters the same, except the electron number densities $n_e = 1.2 \times n_0$, $n_e = 1.5 \times n_0$, and $n_e = 2 \times n_0$ are respectively adopted.

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Figure 4. Snapshots of the equatorial (MLT, L-shell) distributions of squared wave magnetic field for the He^+ -mode. The results are obtained by solving equations (1) and (2) along with the ray tracing equations. The first row corresponds to the case when the RC ions are only treated as a source of free energy to generate waves, and omitted in the real part of the wave dispersion relation. The second row demonstrates distribution when the RC ions are taken into account in both the real and imaginary parts of the wave dispersion relation. In both cases, the total ion composition is assumed to be 77% of H^+ , 20% of He^+ , and 3% of O^+ through an entire simulation domain.

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Figure 5. The RC proton precipitating fluxes averaged over the equatorial pitch-angle loss cone and integrated over the energy range 1 – 50 keV. The first row represents the results without the RC ions in the real part of the EMIC wave dispersion relation. The second row shows precipitation in a case when the RC ions are taken into account in both the real and imaginary parts of the wave dispersion relation.

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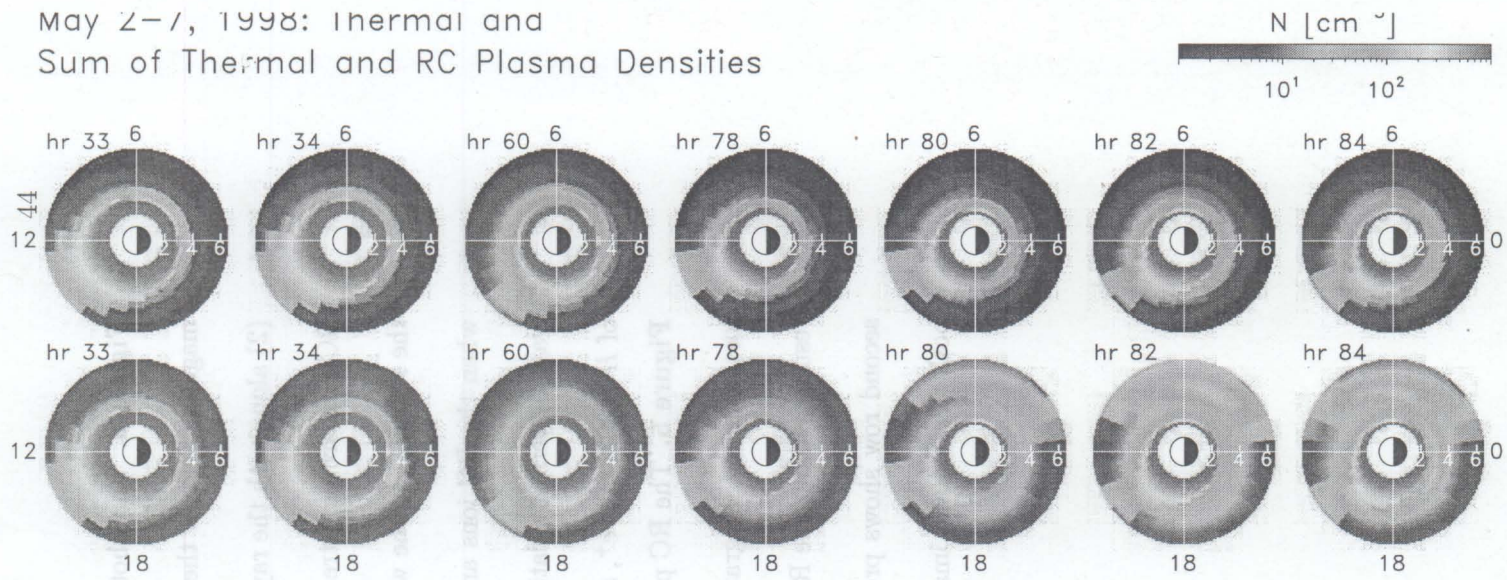
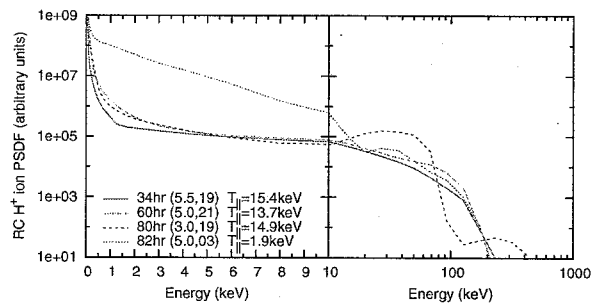


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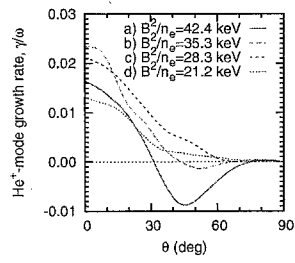
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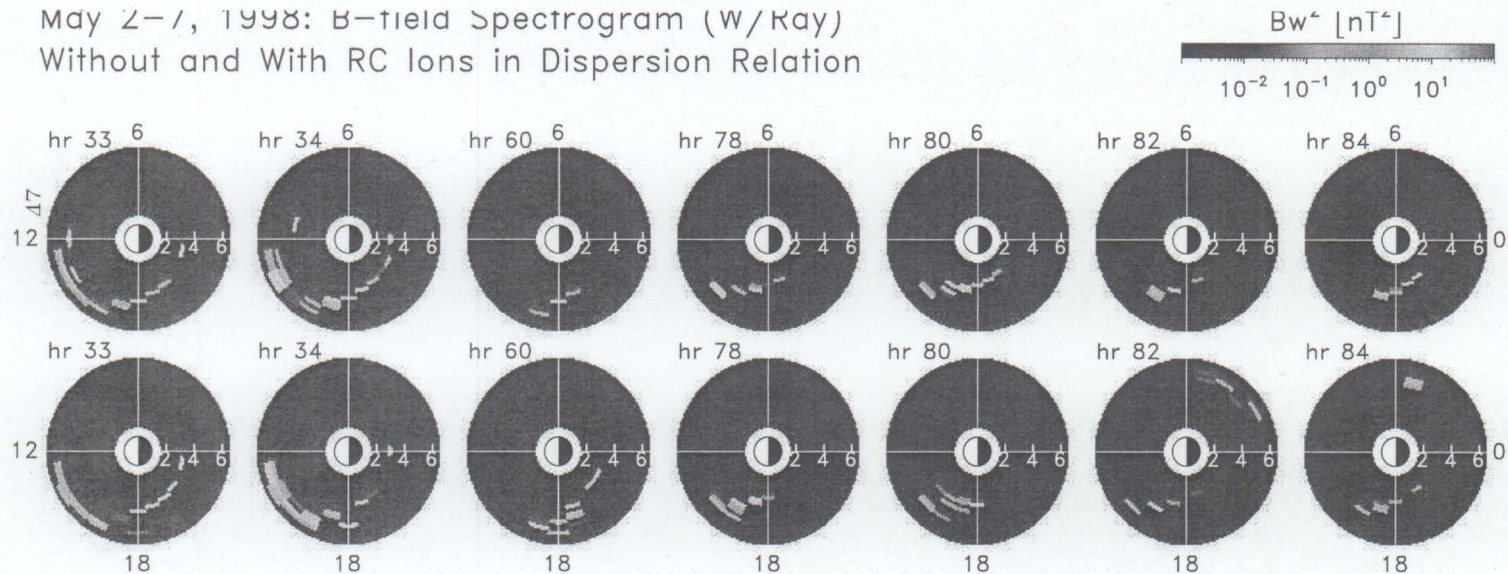
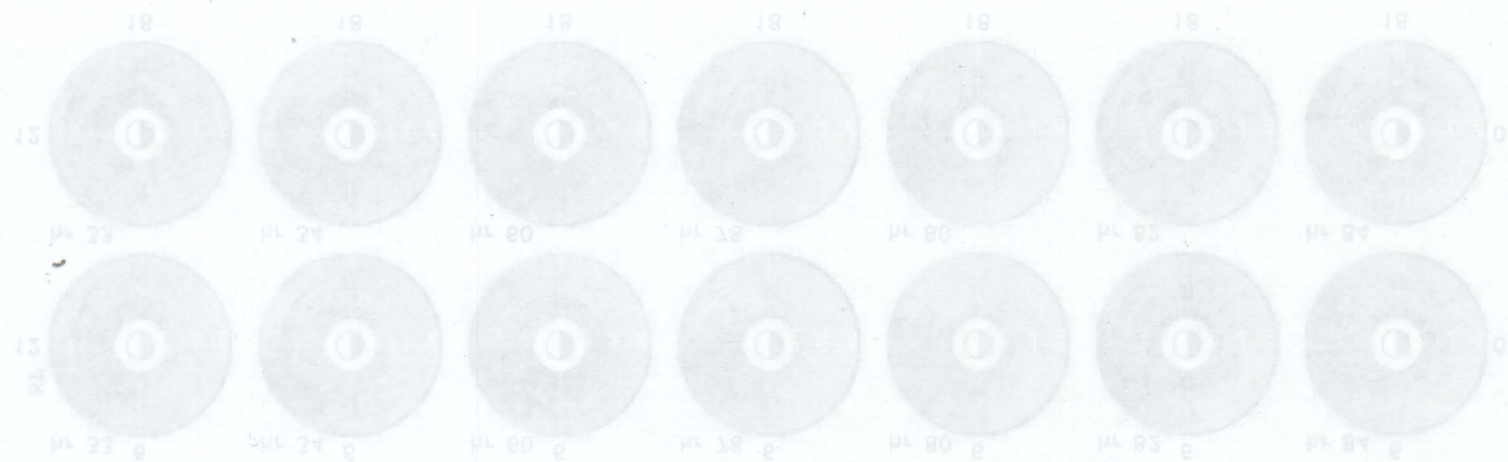


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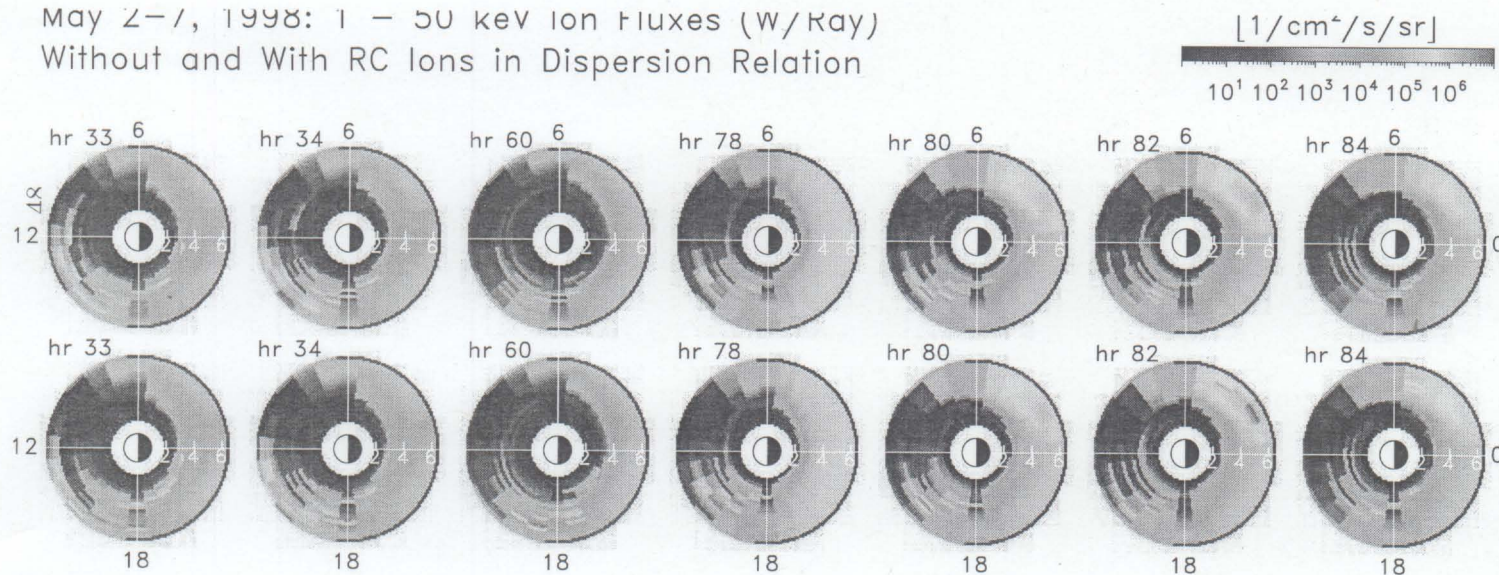


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